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In this, and bottles of Ginger, Cloves, Almonds, Mac-
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HAW & CO. May 20, 1856. engine built by Button

FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF TROY, N.Y.

INCORPORATED, APRIL 27TH, 1829.
The Department is composed of seventeen companies—13 engines, 3 hooks and ladders, and 1 hose company. Each company elects annually two Trustees, who compose the Board of Trustees of the Fire Department. The Trustees elect annually by a majority of votes, a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Collector, who hold their respective offices for the term of one year.

A committee of three on 'donations,' is appointed to enquire into the wants of indigent and disabled firemen, and their families, and also the necessities of the families of deceased firemen, and to render such relief as they may think proper, provided, that no greater sum than twenty dollars per quarter, shall be expended for any one family, without the direction of the Board of Trustees, also a 'School Committee' is appointed to provide the children of indigent and deceased firemen with proper and useful schooling. The annual meeting of the Board is held the second Monday of January, and stated meetings on the third Mondays of April, July and November, in each year &c. The Treasurer receives a salary of \$75. per year, Secretary \$150, and the Collector is entitled to a fee of ten per cent on all monies collected. The salaries are paid from the Department funds.

Firemen at the expiration of the time of service as firemen (5 years) may obtain from the Treasurer a certificate legally discharging them from any further duties as firemen—for such certificate they pay the Treasurer fifty cents for the use of the Department—these certificates are signed by the Treasurer, Chief Engineer, and Clerk of the City Council.

The Chief Engineer, Assistant Engineers, and Fire Wardens are nominated by the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting, and the City Council confirms such nominations. The Engineers and Wardens hold their offices for the term of one year, and are governed by the rules and regulations made by the City Council, and for such services the Chief Engineer receives \$400, and two first Assistant Engineers, \$100 per annum, payable quarterly, and Fire Wardens allowed \$1.50 per day when on duty, (about two months each year.)

Any person wishing to join the Department, is proposed and elected in any company, at regular meetings, and such names are sent to the City Council for action—the Council refer it to the 'Fire Department Committee,' (where all matters relating to the Department are referred,) who confirm or reject all nominations. This committee is composed of three members of the Council, who hold regular meetings in company with the Chief and Assistant Engineers.

The Engineers and firemen are required to pay annually fifty cents dues, for the benefit of the Department Fund.

The city is divided into fire districts, with sixteen alarm bells—the first bell receives \$1.50, second \$1.25, third, \$1.00, the remainder 75 cents each—false alarms nothing.

OFFICERS FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Board of Trustees.
Edward Sears.....President.
Owen Clark.....Vice President.
S. O. Gleason.....Treasurer.
H. E. Prescott.....Secretary.
H. E. Prescott.....Collector.
William Madden.....Chief Engineer.
Hugh Rocke.....1st Ass't Engineer.
Nathan Perkins.....2d....."....."
Alexander Darby.....3d....."
James M. Gantz.....4th....."

OFFICERS FIRE COMPANY.
Premier Engine Company No. 1. Organized, 1798. Stationed on State st., 2d ward, engine built 1850, by Van Ness, New York, two sets of pumps, one set 6½ inches, second 9 inches. This engine is very light and rolls easily, making quick time at fires; their motto is 'Wide Awake.' Richard V. Freeman, Edward Murphy Jr., 1st ass't; Horace Chappel, 2d ass't; Joseph A. Christian, Secretary; John H. Neary, Treasurer.

Neptune engine Company No. 2. Organized, 1803. Stationed on State st., 2d ward, engine built 1850, by Van Ness, New York, two sets of pumps, ten inch stroke, and this one was the last and best. Davis is now seeking his fortune in California—the box and low running gear is nearly worn out in constant service, but the heart is sound. No. 10 is one of the most successful companies in this part of the State—always taking the leading part in the drama of the fire department, always leaving their 'mark.' The first money donated to aid the Orphans, and the first appropriation towards the Washington Monument in this city by firemen was this company. The Eagle Guard was also the first military organization of firemen. The first trial of power was with X and they were victorious—there never rolled a better fire-engine than Eagle X, at the auction or box, giving or taking through open butt or the pipe, 'she is that,' money cannot buy the old 'bird,' their motto is ever Excelior.

John McKinny Foreman, John H. Green 1st Assistant; Michael Ryan 2d Assistant; Secretary, Samuel K. Briggs; Treasurer, Samuel K. Briggs.

Lafayette Engine Company No. 10. (by a resolution of the Common Council their No. is 11, as there was a dispute on the subject with the 'Eagle's' organization,) organized August 18, 1839. Stationed on Congress street, Fifth Ward, Ida H. II. Engine built by Davis & Co., Troy, in 1852, with nine inch pumps, ten inch stroke. This firm built three engines, and this one was the last and best. Davis is now seeking his fortune in California—the box and low running gear is nearly worn out in constant service, but the heart is sound. Their motto is 'Good Will.' James Lyons, Foreman; John W. Trussell, 1st Assistant; James Kay 2d Assistant; Tallman Cary, Secretary; Miles Sweet, Treasurer.

Hibernia Engine Company, 12. Organized Nov. 1845. Stationed on Monroe street, Ninth Ward. Engine built by Van Ness and Torbiss, New York in 1853, with eight and one half inch pumps, nine and one half stroke. No. 12 rolls with a large crew, and do good duty. The engine is built plain but strong, and is a much better engine than any of its predecessors.

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Back appropriations due by the Districts of Northerner, German, Hibernians, Holmesburg, Belmont and Blocton, as follows:

3 Companies, at \$150 each, -\$450.00
5 " at 200 "1,000.00
2 " at 300 "4,000.00

Extra appropriation to the Shillers Hose, to enable the company to rebuild their house 500 feet.

Kensington,1,404.00
Salaries of Engineers,4,125.00
Trial of steam fire engines,392.00

Rest of office, fire ropes, stationery, gas, paint, fixing office and hose for the 24th

Ward,1,129.57

Total.....\$18,400.57

New York Volunteer Department is composed of 52 engines, sixty hose, fifteen hook and ladder and four hydrant companies, of which about forty five engines, fifty-eight hose, thirteen H and L and four hydrant companies are doing duty, with two thousand six hundred and thirty-one men, according to the Chief Engineer's last report.

Franklin Hose Company. Organized December 18, 1844. Stationed on Franklin street, Second Ward. This is the only Hose Company doing service in the department. The company roll a four wheeled carriage known as the "Red Bird" which is nearly used up. Franklin Hose is a good company. The following are the officers: John McKeon, Foreman; John B. Fatts 1st Assistant, John Leaven Secretary and Treasurer.

Empire State engine Company No. 5, organized May 1, 1851, stationed at the nail factory, sixth ward, engine built by John Rodgers, Albany, 1852. This engine is built plain but strong, there is no engine in this part of the State that can give or take 5' water, they all back down, the Empire is the standard—at every trial she has been victorious, the company stand open to match any rolls that like capacity, nine inch pump, ten inch stroke. The following are the officers: Theo Conrad, Foreman, John Bailey, 1st Assistant, Aaron H. Fread, 2d Assistant, Secretary, Wm L. McCarty, Treasurer, Walter L. Kipp.

Phoenix Hose Company. Organized January 16, 1840. Stationed, Second street, First Ward

with thirteen hose carts, three hook and ladder

Company used a large two wheeled cart and did

fair duty when organized, but in consequence of a political move in the department, and the little use of hose companies alone, Phoenix was discontinued in 1851.

Hock and Ludder Company 1. Organized May 26, 1807. Stationed, State street, Second Ward. Motto, 'We destroy to save.' E. Crandall, Foreman, John Ward, First Assistant, W. McConbie, Secretary and Treasurer.

Hock and Ludder 2. Organized April 5, 1832. Stationed Nail Factory Sixth ward. On parades &c, & is always on hand, and make a good show. Their motto is 'Union.' Foreman G. W. Broekway, First Assistant, L. I. Warner, Secretary, S. F. Simond, Treasurer I. Christie.

Hock and Ludder 3. Organized February 5, 1835. Stationed, Federal street, Fourth ward. This has been the most successful H. & L. Co. in the department. The company is fully organized and have an old truck. The following are the officers: Foreman, Henry E. Prescott, First Assistant, Wm. Starbuck, Second Ward, W. Wolf, Secretary, H. H. Becker, Treasurer, H. P. Palmer.

There is also a hose cart connected with each engine company in the department with five hundred feet of hose. There is about nine thousand feet of hose, two thousand of which is new, and in use in the department. The engines and hose houses are mostly brick, built two stories high, and look very cheap. A tower is arranged to dry hose, fifty feet lengths, by using pulleys and stringing up each length separate. By this plan, water and ice will soon run out, and a free circulation of air dries hose much quicker and better than the old way—the reel.

New houses are about being erected for 5 and Lafayette 10. 12's house is wood, and very poor. Nos. 8 Eagle X, and H. and L. 3, houses are built together. Nos. 1 and 2, W. V. and II, L. 1, are built same manner. No 7 and Phoenix Hose are stationed under the same roof. The building of houses together like the above, is a perfect failure. The companies are always in difficulty, and tax payers complain that companies are centred together, and no protection is offered them in numerous places throughout the city, etc. etc.

There is about five hundred and fifty members in the department including engineers. The number of fires and alarms last year, was five in the city, forty-five; fires out of town 6, whose number of alarms, false, 43. Total, ninety-four.

The city is supplied with water by means of hydrants. The Hudson river flows past the western line of the city, and in the south and southeast portions of the city large streams of water and raceways afford ample facilities for extinguishing fires.

There is no department in the United States for the size, more efficient, harmonious and conducted with less expense than the Troy Fire Department. Let us examine a few facts and figures of volunteer and the paid departments.

Although it may not seem fair to contrast our volunteer departments with the paid departments, yet so much has been said, and great stress has been laid upon the beauties and the cheapness of this 'peculiar institution' that we are constrained to give all a sight, and compare facts. The following cities have paid departments: Boston, Cincinnati, Charlestown, Mass., Lynn, Albany, Providence, Newark and Philadelphia.

Boston department is composed of 15 engines, 34 hose carts, and three hook and ladder companies, with 650 men in active service besides the reserve force, and the steam engine. The total expenditures for the last year were ninety-seven thousand two hundred and sixty-four dollars and seventeen cents.

Cincinnati department is composed of 29 engines, 34 hose carriages and carts, one hook and ladder, and three steam engines, with four hundred and ninety-six men in active service divided into eighteen companies. The amount to maintain this department was only ninety thousand five hundred seventy-six dollars and seventeen cents.

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Albany department is composed of six engines, one hook and one hose and ladder company, with three hundred and fifty men in active service—The city is taxed sixteen thousand dollars annually to defray the expenses &c.

Providence department is maintained at a cost between twenty and thirty thousand dollars.

Philadelphia.—We clip the following from a Philadelphia paper published a few weeks ago.

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A meeting of the Board of Delegates was
called for Monday evening next, for the pur-
pose of addressing a memorial to the Dele-
gation in the Legislature from this city and
county, requesting them not to alter the law
which at present governs the Department.—
The law passed by the last Legislature can-
not be improved in any way that will benefit
the organization. Under its provisions the
Department has worked smoothly, and not
the least trouble has been experienced in
carrying out its measures. The law now in
force is not burdensome, bears but lightly on
the members, yet sufficiently strong and bind-
ing to command the obedience and adhesion
of every company. It is feared by the
Board of Delegates that if the law is sought
to be changed from its present shape, it will
become detrimental in its effect, and be the
cause of serious difficulty. The Department
has acted under its mandates for very nearly
a year and not a word of complaint has been
uttered, and under those circumstances, it
would be advisable to allow it to remain on
the statute book as it is now.

A very sensible and well written article ap-
peared in the *Sunday Times*, of the 20th,
on the subject of the exemption of Firemen
from Jury duty, in the main features of which
we must say we coincide. We have express-
ed the opinion before, that in a case of the
same import as that of Cora's, the firemen
should waive their privilege of exemption,
and sit as Jurors, if competent in the eye of
the law and acceptable to Counsel, because
we are perfectly well aware in our own mind,
that no permanent innovation on their rights
would or could be made. The mere fact of a
fireman sitting once as a Juror, waiving his
lawful rights in the premises, would not es-
tablish any precedent upon which a Court
could base a compulsory compliance, for the
law is too explicit on the subject to admit of
any argument. For if any Judge were so
illiberal as to endeavor to compel a fireman
to forego his rights on the mere idea that he
once before had done so, the law would be
found to be amply sufficient to protect him,
and his refusal to sit as a Juror, would not
render him liable to be held for contempt.—

We have not the slightest fear that an due
advantage would be taken of the firemen,
if they occasionally consented to sit as
Jurors, where the matter to be adjudicated
upon, was of that nature which demanded
competent and unbiased men to serve. In
all the Courts, every courtesy is shown the
Department, particularly in the United States' Courts, where the law exempting the firemen
from Jury duty, has no bearing. Judge

Hoffman and Judge McAllister, invariably
excuse firemen from serving when the request
has been made. We acknowledge with pride,
that the Department of this city is composed
of men of the most intelligent character, good
citizens a law abiding organization, having
the interests of the city truly at heart, willing
at all times to give their assent and support
to proper administration of the law, and
while they are tenacious of their vested rights,
yet to evince their appreciation of the esti-
mation in which they are held by the com-
munity, we are confident we hazard nothing
in saying that they will never refuse to per-
form their share of the duties which are in-
cumbent upon all good citizens.

Among those who leave on the steamer of
the 5th, is Major A. A. Selover of the house
of Selover Sinton & Co., who with his family,
visits the Atlantic States and Europe, on a
tour of business and pleasure. Major S was
among the first of those who immigrated to
California to seek his fortune, and like all of
the early San Franciscans, met with its vicissi-
tudes in all variety. Energetic and persevering,
and with a will and determination, neither
swayed by misfortune or the threats of the en-
vious, he has pursued the even tenor of his
way until he has attained a competency, in
its extent, only co-equal with his deserving.
Honorable and high minded as a man, firm
and steadfast as a friend, Major S. has won
for himself the respect and esteem of all who
have had intercourse with him. As the
head of the most extensive Auction House
of this city, the immense sales of valuable
property entrusted to his care, is an evidence
of the appreciation of his business qualifica-
tions by the citizens of this city. Wishing
Major S. a prosperous and pleasant trip, we
hope we shall have the gratification of wel-
coming him back to San Francisco, in a much
shorter time, than he anticipates being away.

From private letters received from New
York, we learn that the Banking House of
Palmer Cook & Co., through their agents,
Mr. John Cook, Jr., in New York, paid on
the 2d day of January, the sum of one hun-
dred and two thousand one hundred dollars,
interest money as follows:

On California State Bonds, \$86,000
On Fire Bonds, 10,000
On School Bonds, 2,200
On Contra Costa Co., Bonds, 4,000
Total, \$102,100.

The latter County had not a single dollar
in its Treasury, and was entirely unable to
meet the interest due, when Palmer Cook &
Co., stepped forward and paid it. The public
have a good opportunity to judge from
the above whether Palmer Cook & Co., or
their traducers are the friends of the City
and State. What other Banking House in
this city would advance money on the credit
of San Francisco?

The Trial.

The friendly contest for superiority between
Monumental 6 and Vigilant 9, and which was
twice postponed on account of the inclemency of
the weather, took place on Wednesday last, in ac-
cordance with a previous agreement between
Messrs. Hossefross and Short, the Foremen of the
respective Companies. The weather on Wednes-
day was far from being agreeable, it had been
raining in torrents for nearly three days, and
the streets were in a remarkably soft condition.
On the morning of the day of trial, although the
wind continued South-East, (the rainy quarter,)
the clouds broke away, and the sun shone brightly
from beneath the clouds, said plainly to the boys—
"You can come out, I intend drying up." This
intimation was received favorably, and at almost
every corner in the vicinity of the two engine
houses, little crowds of firemen were for the first
time in their lives taking astronomical observations
and exploring to each other, how it was
the wind could blow South-East and the
clouds break away. At half past eleven o'clock
the engines then reversed positions. Vigilant 9 taking Cistern, and Monumental 6 receiving
water. Vigilant 9 commenced playing with
water in box six inches from top. Time
five minutes: and upon stopping the Monumental
had reduced the water four inches, making it
ten inches from the top of the box. Vigilant 9
then took cistern and played through three hun-
dred feet of hose with one and one half inch noz-
zle, sixteen six feet one and one half inches, first
trial. Vigilant 9 then took cistern, and played
through same hose and nozzle one hundred
and one feet and two inches, when Vigilant 9
gave up the trial. Monumental 6 also played
through same hose, one and one fourth inch noz-
zle, one hundred and thirty three feet six inches
respectively.

E. T. BATTLES, Umpire,
D. H. RAND, J. J. MCKIBBIN, J. J. MCNAUL,
J. C. LANE, § No. 6. D. N. TUCKER, § No. 9.

San Francisco, Feb. 1, 1856.

My EDITOR:—Will you be kind enough to
publish the subjunctive communication along with
your statement of the trial between 6 and 9. It
would be unnecessary for the Department here as
every Fireman interested in the play has been
informed of the fact—but I wish it done as an act of justice to Mr. Jeffers, the build-
er, however much its publication may reflect on
my supervision.

Board of Delegates.

A Special meeting of the Board of Delegates
was held on Thursday evening last January 31,
at 7 o'clock.

President F. L. Jones in the chair.

The roll being called the following members
answered to their names:

Messrs. McCarty, Wasson, McCarty, Boruck,
Hixson, Vireland, Hossefross, Moore, Gallagher,
Herbet, Finnegan, Whalen, J. P. Buckley, States, Holt-
man, Mahony.

Absent—Messrs. Babcock, Rand, Kent, Sinton,
Lane, Price, Gough, Blumox, Clapp, Reed,
Cobb, Maillet.

Mr. Patrick Hunt, was admitted as a Delegate
from Empire Engine Co. No. 1, vice, C. H. Dexter

from the Board of Delegates.

The President stated the object of the meet-
ing of the Board to be the consideration of the
report of the Judiciary Committee, on incorpo-
ration of the Charitable Fund.

On motion of Mr. Mahony, the Trustees of the
Fund present, Messrs. Joseph C. Palmer, and
Wm. McKibbin, were invited to participate with
the Board in their deliberations.

The report of the Judiciary Committee was
then read.

Mr. Hossefross introduced the following resolu-
tion:

Resolved, That this Board of Delegates, repre-
senting the United San Francisco Fire Depart-
ment, do hereby authorize the present Board of
Directors of the Firemen's Charitable Fund, to
incorporate said fund in their name, for the ben-
efit of the San Francisco Fire Department; this
Board reserving to itself the right to elect and con-
trol the Trustees in all matters appertaining to
said fund.

This resolution elicited considerable debate, in
which Messrs. Hossefross, Moore, Mahony and
McKibbin, took part, it was withdrawn however,
by Mr. Hossefross to give way to the following,
offered by Mr. Hoff.

Resolved, that the Judiciary Committee be in-
structed to report at the next regular meeting of
the Board, an act of incorporation of the
Charitable Fund. This resolution was adopted.

Resolved, that the widow and orphans of de-
ceased firemen be allowed to draw from the fund
of the San Francisco Fire Department Charitable
Association, the amount per month to be fixed by
the Finance Committee, and that the Board take
action upon the same at its next regular meeting.

The Board then adjourned.

Mr. Boruck introduced the following resolution
to recommend to the Judiciary Committee
to report at the next regular meeting.

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The late Empress of Russia, like Queen Anne, of England, was given to inspecting the "domestic accounts," and she was puzzled by finding among them a bottle of rum daily charged to the Naslednik, or heir-apparent. Her imperial majesty turned over the old "expenses" of the household, to discover at what period her son had commenced this reprobate course of daily rum-drinking, and found, if not to her horror, at least to the increase of her perplexity, that it dated from the very day of his birth. The "bottle of rum" began with the baby, accompanied the boy, and continued to be charged to the man. He was charged as drinking upward of thirty doses of fine old Jamaica yearly! The imperial mother was anxious to discover if any other of the Czarovich babies had exhibited the same alcoholic proclivity; and it appears that they were all alike; daily, for upward of a century back they stood credited in the household books for that terrible "bottle of rum." The Empress continued her researches with the zeal of an antiquary, and her labors were not unrewarded. She at last reached the original entry. Like all succeeding ones, it was to the effect of "a bottle of rum for the Naslednik," but a sort of editorial note on the margin of the same page intimated the wherefore: "On account of a violent toothache, a tea-spoonful with sugar to be given, by order of the physician of the imperial court."—The tea-spoonful for one day had been charged as a bottle, and the entry once made, it was kept on the books to the profit of the unrighteous steward, until discovery checked the fraud—a fraud more gigantic than that of the illiterate coachman, who set down in his harness-book, "Two pence worth of whip cord, &c."—The Empress showed the venerable delinquency to her husband, Paul; and he, calculating what the temporary toothache of the imperial baby, Alexander, had cost him, was affrighted at the outlay and declared he would revolutionize the kitchen department, and put himself out to board. The threat was not idly made, and it was soon seriously realized. A gastronomic contractor was found who farmed the whole palace, and did his spitting admirably. He divided the imperial household into stations. The first was the monarch's special station, for the supply of which he charged the Emperor and Empress fifty roubles each, daily: the table of the Archdukes and Archduchesses, was supplied at half price; the guests of that table, of whatever rank, were served at the same cost. The ladies and gentlemen of the household had a station, which was exceedingly well provisioned, at twenty roubles each. The graduated sliding scale continued to descend in proportion to the status of the feeders. The upper servants had superior stomachs, which were accounted as being impalatable at least fifteen rubles each. Servants in livery, with fine lace, but coarse digests, dined daily at five roubles each; and the ground-servants were taken all together, at three roubles each. Alexander, son of the Emperor, was born in the winter palace. The Emperor declared he had never dined so well before. The court, tempted by more numerous courses, sat longer at table. The maids of honor got fresh bloom upon their cheeks, and the chamberlains and equerries rounder faces: and most flourishing of all was the state of the royal expenses, although these diminished of course, as the cook and butler, was content; and all this was the result of a bottle of rum, from which the Emperor Alexander, when heir to the crown, had been ordered by the physician to take a spoonful for the toothache."

THE OLDEN PAPER IN THE UNITED STATES. In the city of Portsmouth, N.H., there is published a weekly newspaper called the "New Hampshire Gazette," the first number of which was issued in October, 1776. The "Gazette" was first issued by Daniel Fowle, who owned and published it until 1784. It was the pioneer paper in New Hampshire, and has continued the "even tenor of its way without interruption, to the present day." Fowle died in 1784, and his son, Daniel, who succeeded him, is still living, when he sold out to N. S. and W. Price. Since then it has passed through the hands of fifteen different publishers. The present editor and proprietor is Edwin H. Fuller. A file of this paper for the first year is preserved in the Athenaeum, Portsmouth.

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